

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GROUP: 2837

Kenichiro KOBAYASHI

SERIAL NO: 10/801,682

EXAMINER: DONELS, JEFFREY

FILED: March 17, 2004

FOR: SINGING VOICE SYNTHESIZING METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
PROGRAM, RECORDING MEDIUM AND ROBOT APPARATUS

**APPLICATION OF PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1308.01 MPEP**

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Sir:

The above-identified application was withdrawn from Issue after payment of the Issue Fee in the amount of \$1706.00 (Issue Fee \$1400.00 + Pub. Fee \$300.00 + Adv. Copies \$6.00).

The application has now been allowed again and since a refund of the previously paid Issue Fee has not been requested, it is now requested that the previously paid Issue Fee be applied to the Issue Fee being paid herewith. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Petition Granted.

Respectfully Submitted,

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: DECISION GRANTING PETITION  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c) (2)  
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This is a decision on the petition, filed January 17, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.313(c) (2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

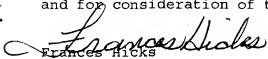
The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c) (2).

*Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on January 3, 2007 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.<sup>1</sup>*

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2837 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement.

  
Frances Hicks  
Petitions Examiner  
Office of Petitions

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<sup>1</sup> The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment.